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Medicaid Overview

Medicaid is a federal/state program that pays health care providers to deliver medically necessary health care services, including long-term care, to:

- aged, blind or disabled individuals,
- members of families with dependent children, and
- certain other children and pregnant women.

Wisconsin Medicaid operates pursuant to:

- State Statute 49.43 - 49.499 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and
- Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act.



Medicaid Overview

Wisconsin Medicaid is three major programs:

- ◆ Medicaid - Very low-income children, parents, pregnant women (AFDC & Healthy Start) elderly & disabled (SSI)
- ◆ BadgerCare - Non-Medicaid children and parents up to 185% FPL
- ◆ SeniorCare - Non-Medicaid seniors up to 240% FPL (prescription drugs only)

In FY 2004, budgeted expenditures for Wisconsin Medicaid total \$4.2 billion

- ◆ \$3.9 billion for Medicaid
- ◆ \$207 million for BadgerCare
- ◆ \$95 million for SeniorCare

As of November 2004, enrollment totaled 807,693, or 15% of Wisconsin's population, including:

- ◆ Medicaid – 625,660
- ◆ BadgerCare – 94,257
- ◆ SeniorCare - 87,776



State and Federal Authority

Title 19

- Grants to States for the Medical Assistance Program
- The portion of the Social Security Act pertaining to Medicaid.

Title 21

- State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

State Plan

- The contract between the state and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services allowing federal reimbursement to be claimed for Medicaid expenditures.



State and Federal Authority

Waivers

- 1115 - Demonstration Waivers
- 1915 b - Freedom of Choice
- 1915c - Home and Community-Based Waivers



State and Federal Authority

Federal Match Rates for Benefits

- 58% federal match - Standard match rate. Applies to most benefits and populations.
- 71% federal match - SCHIP match rate, applies to all BadgerCare children, some BadgerCare adults and the Well Woman Program.
- 90% federal match - Family Planning services.
- 100% federal match - Medicaid services provided to tribal members at tribally-owned or operated facilities.



State and Federal Authority

Federal Match Rates for Administration

- 50% federal match - Standard match rate. Applies to most administrative costs.
- 75% federal match - Applies to MMIS operations and certain medical professionals.
- 90% federal match - Applies to MMIS development and implementation.

